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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated in Appendix A submitted herewith according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 concerning a manner for making claim amendments.



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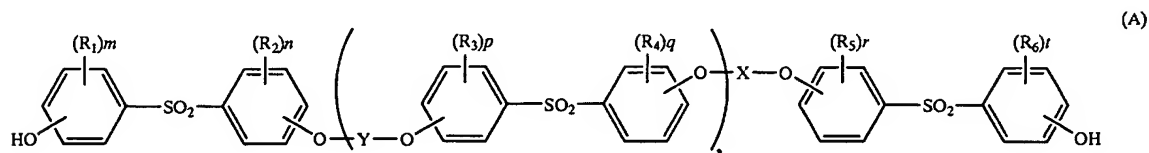
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1774
OTSUHATA *et al.*) Examiner: Bruce H. Hess
Serial No.: 10/500,360)
Filed: June 30, 2004)
For: **THERMALLY SENSITIVE RECORDING MEDIUM**

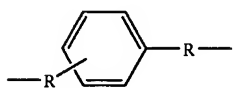
Appendix A

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§ 1.121 concerning a manner for making claim amendments.

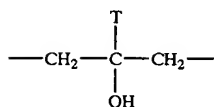
1. (Original) A thermally sensitive recording medium comprising a thermally sensitive color developing layer containing colorless or pale colored basic leuco dye and a color developing agent as a main components on a substrate, wherein said thermally sensitive recording layer contains acrylic emulsion and colloidal silica, further contains at least one kind of diphenylsulfone bridgeable compound represented by general formula A as the color developing agent,



wherein X and Y can be different or same and indicates a saturated or an unsaturated linear or grafted hydrocarbon group of carbon number 1-12 which can possess an ether bond, or indicate,



or



wherein, R indicates a methylene group or an ethylene group, T indicates a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of carbon number 1-4,

and R_1 - R_6 independently a halogen atom, an alkyl group of carbon number 1-6, or an alkenyl group, further, m, n, p, q, r, t indicate an integer number of 0-4 and when are bigger than 2, R_1 - R_6 can be different, and a is an integer of 0-10.

2. (Original) The thermally sensitive recording medium of

claim 1, wherein the thermally sensitive recording layer contains inorganic pigment whose average particle size is 3 to 300 μ m.

3. (Currently amended) A method for the preparation of ~~the~~ a thermally sensitive recording medium providing a thermally sensitive recording layer containing colorless or pale colored basic leuco dye and a color developing agent as a main components on a substrate, wherein said thermally sensitive recording layer contains acrylic emulsion and colloidal silica, comprising ~~the~~ coating ~~for~~ said thermally sensitive recording layer ~~is coated~~ on said substrate by means of an air knife coater.